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In re Application of:

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Title: SCREENING METHOD FOR GENES OF BREWING YEAST

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Official Action mailed November 29, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the invention to one of the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-9 and 33, drawn to screening methods for genes; classified in class 435, subclass 6;

Group II: claims 10, 11, 14-19, and 34-37, drawn to genes, vectors, and transformed host cells; classified in class 536, subclass 23.74 and class 435, subclasses 320.1, 254.2, and 254.21;

Group III: claims 12, 13, and 38-45, drawn to DNAs, vectors, and transformed host cells; classified in class 536, subclass 23.74 and class 435, subclasses 320.1, 254.2, and 254.21;

Group IV: claims 20 and 21, drawn to polypeptides; classified in class 530; subclass 350;

Group V: claims 22 and 26, drawn to methods for producing alcohol; classified in class 435, subclass 161;

Group VI: claims 23-25, drawn to yeast breeding methods and yeast; classified in class 435, subclass 255.1;

Group VII: claim 27, drawn to alcohol and beverages containing alcohol; classified in class 568, subclass 75; and